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For: INSULATOR AND SEAL FOR FUEL CELL
ASSEMBLIES

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2003 (Paper No. 13), finally rejecting claims 1-38, 46-47, 49, 52-54, 56-57 and 59, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.